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For: **APPARATUS PROVIDING ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTION
HAVING CURRENT SINK TRANSISTORS AND METHOD THEREFOR (as amended)**

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Introductory Comments

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed ~~May 26, 2000~~ ^{June 5, 2003 KMS}, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the remarks and amendments below. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts in identifying issues with this application.

Applicants believe the following is a complete response to the issues raised by the Examiner and that the following amendments and comments place the application into condition for allowance.